



Global Virtual Conference on Catalysing Parliamentary Action to Fight Climate Change

11-12 May 2021

PROGRAMME

(Please note: all speakers are placed in alphabetical order)

DAY 1: TUESDAY 11 MAY 2021	
09:00 – 12:00 CEST (Brussels time)	
09:00-09:20	INTRODUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helena Marschall, Climate Activist, Fridays for Future ○ Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary-General, International IDEA ○ Martin Chungong, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union ○ Martin Seychell, Deputy Director General, DEVCO, European Commission, <i>tbc</i>
09:20-09:35	KEYNOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ His Excellency Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of People’s Majlis of Maldives
09:35-10:15	<p style="text-align: center;">1. STRENGTHENING THE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT THROUGH CLIMATE LEGISLATION</p> <p><i>This session will explore the development, parliamentary scrutiny, and adoption of framework legislation to govern national responses to climate change, in the context also of international climate commitments, in particular the Paris Agreement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alina Averchenkova, Distinguished Policy Fellow, Grantham Research Institute ○ Jean-René Cazeneuve, Member of the Finance Committee, General rapporteur of the Climate & Resilience law, French National Assembly ○ Miguel Costa Matos, Member of the Committee on the Environment, Energy and Territorial Planning, Portuguese Assembleia da República ○ Rasmus Helveg Petersen, The Chair of The Climate, Energy and Utilities Committee, Danish Parliament <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A</p>
10:15-10:25	BREAK
10:25-11:05	<p style="text-align: center;">2. OVERSIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE POLICIES AND FRAMEWORKS</p> <p><i>Parliaments have taken an increasingly proactive role in overseeing government climate action. This session will explore parliamentary innovation in climate policy oversight, profiling innovative approaches adopted within and beyond the European Union</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Baroness Hayman, former Lord Speaker of the House of Lords, Co-Chair of Peers for the Planet ○ Lisa Badum, Member of the Committee on Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, German Bundestag ○ Rafael Jimenez Aybar, Environmental Democracy Adviser, Westminster Foundation for Democracy <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A</p>

11:05-11:10	VIRTUAL EXHIBITION
11:10-11:50	<p style="text-align: center;">3. CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGETING</p> <p><i>The national budgeting process requires re-visioning from the perspective of environmental protection and climate action. This is not only to ensure the provision of funding for environmental commitments but also to foster the transition to a green economy. This session explores the roles of Parliaments in developing approaches to climate change and environmental budgeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asad Maken, Public Finance and Governance Specialist, UNDP ○ Bénédicte Peyrol, Member of the Committee of Finances, French National Assembly ○ Delaine McCullough, Head of Climate Finance Accountability, International Budget Partnership <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A</p>
11:50-12:00	<p style="text-align: center;">CONCLUSIONS DAY 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oras Tynkkynen, former Member of the Finnish Parliament, INTER PARES Climate Consultant

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2021

14:00 – 17:20 CEST (Brussels time)

14:00-14:05	VIDEO MESSAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for the Environment , Oceans and Fisheries
14:05-14:20	KEYNOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Saber Chowdhury, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh Parliament, former President of Inter-Parliamentary Union
14:20-15:00	4. EUROPEAN ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE <p><i>Climate action needs to take place on a regional and global basis. The European Union has adopted The Green Deal as the guiding principle of its governance strategy. The session explores the role of National Parliaments and the European Parliament in advancing the green agenda at a European level</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Georgios Amanatidis, Parliamentary Research Administrator, Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies, European Parliament○ Katja Biedenkopf, Associate Professor, Sustainable Futures research group, KU Leuven, Belgium○ Satu Hassi, Chair of the Grand Committee, Finnish Parliament <p>Q&A</p>
15:00-15:40	5. REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY ACTION <p><i>Parliamentary diplomacy plays an important role in advancing international thinking on environmental protection and climate change. In this session we hear from regional and global networks of parliamentarians working on environmental, climate, and sustainable development issues, and how their work fosters enhanced parliamentary action on environmental issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Emilie Lemieux, Deputy Director, Open Parliament and Sustainable Development, ParlAmericas○ Malini Mehra, CEO, Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment○ Michael Scoullos, Secretary-General, Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development○ Paola Vega, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change <p>Q&A</p>
15:40-15:50	BREAK
15:50-16:30	6. ENGAGING CITIZENS IN DECISION MAKING ON CLIMATE <p><i>Parliaments are increasingly engaging citizens in the development and oversight of climate change policy, including through Citizens' Assemblies. This session explores several successful initiatives and examines the potential and constraints on citizen engagement in parliamentary processes</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diarmuid Torney, Expert Advisory Group member, Irish Citizens' Assembly 2016-18, Associate Professor, Dublin City University ○ Javier Perez, Director of Political Watch, CEO of Parlamento 2030 (PMO) ○ Lise Deshautel, Advisor to the French Citizens' Assembly on Climate <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A</p>
16:30-17:10	<p style="text-align: center;">7. PARLIAMENTS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS</p> <p><i>The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda places a sustainable environment at the centre of global development policy. Parliaments and parliamentarians are increasingly taking a lead in ensuring that national policy frameworks, and parliamentary oversight, are guided by the SDGs. In this session we will look at how global parliamentary networks are furthering action on the SDGs, and how national Parliaments are incorporating the SDGs into their work</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helmut Berger, Head of the Budget Office, Parliamentary Directorate, Austrian Parliament ○ Kirsten Brosbøl, Founder of Parliamentarians for the Global Goals, former Minister for the Environment, former Member of Parliament, Denmark ○ Maria Gabriela Graell, Director of International Relations, Head of the Office for SDGs, the National Assembly of Panama <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A</p>
17:10-17:20	<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATIONS AND NEXT STEPS</p> <p><i>In this final session we will recap on the learning from this virtual conference and propose next steps in sharing international parliamentary innovations on environmental and climate change action</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jonathan Murphy, Head of Programme, INTER PARES Parliaments in Partnership, International IDEA ○ Oras Tynkkynen, former Member of the Finnish Parliament, INTER PARES Climate Consultant